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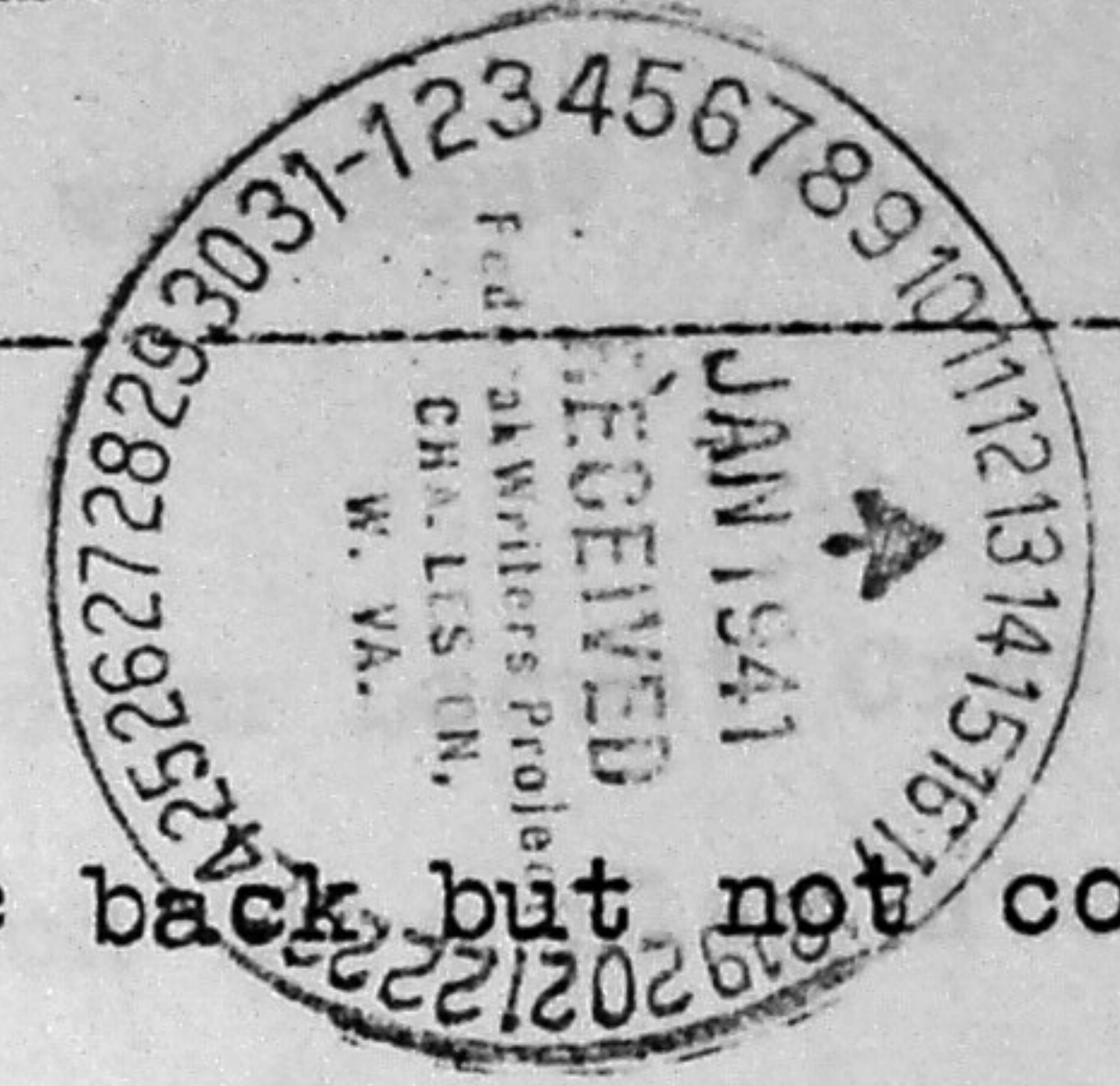
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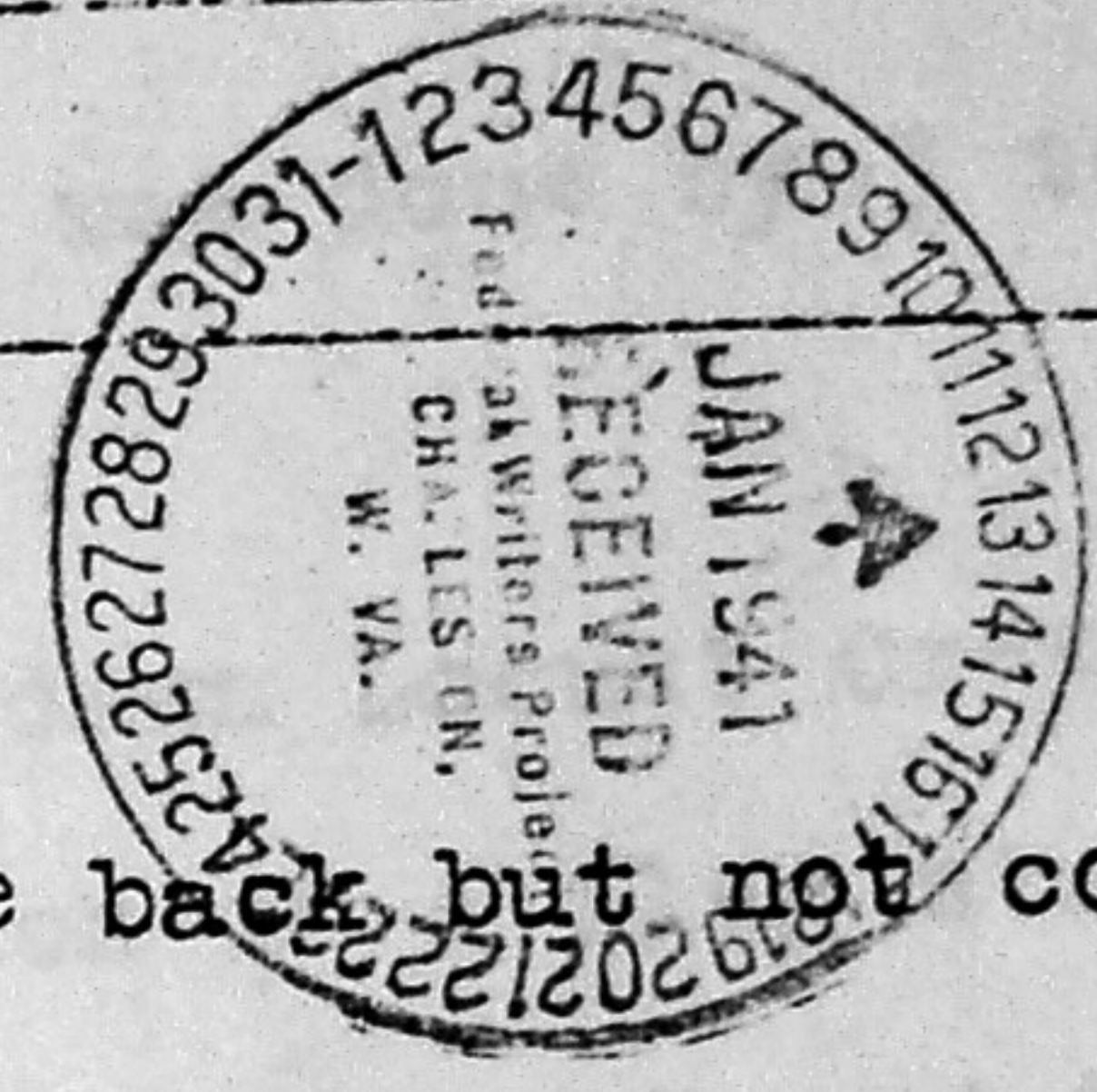
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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, S.G. SMITH, HILLSBORO, W.VA. POCAHONTAS COUNTY.

The J.E. Moore Lumber Company.

In 1910 J.E. Moore of Virginia bought the William H Callison farm from Q.S. and L.F. Callison his sons for \$28,000.00 the farm contained 650 acres and another tract ^{timber 265A} from Martha E May for \$13,000.00 this land is on Locust Creek and it was here that Moore set his circular mill, they built a camp and boarding house for the men. Harry Sweetwood was looked after the skidding which was done by 3 teams of ^{mules} ~~horses~~ and 3 yoke of oxen.

A tram road was built from the mill down Locust Creek to the C & O Railroad at what is known as Locust which is a flag stop, but had a siding at that time, this was a narrow gauge track and they had a small Climax engine that pulled the trucks on which the lumber was hauled to be loaded on freight cars of the C & O of the Greenbrier division for shipment to many different places.

This operation finished up in 1912 and moved out.

Information - Sidney McCoy, Beard, W, Va.

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Right of Way was gotten from W.W. McCoy - J.M. Cutlip and J.F. May of Beard W.Va. and J.S. McNeel of Hillsboro. ~~The May land was secured to Moore by~~

~~George and Maude Callison of Hillsboro, the latter by May and Callison of~~
~~Hillsboro, the timber on 265 acres.~~

The May land and timber was formerly owned by George and Maude Callison then of Hillsboro. The mill was set on the William H Callison farm and better known as the Sweetwood farm.

When this happened the logs were

Samuel G. Smith
Hillsboro, W. Va.

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Chapter 7.

Pocahontas County.

MIDDLE-FORK DRIVING COMPANY

In 1895 Withrow McClintic of Buckeye, Pocahontas County, then a farmer and stock buyer, took a contract from the Gauley Lumber Company, of Camden, now known as Camden-on-Gauley, to cut, skid and drive to Camden the timber on some 3000 to 4000 acres located on the Middle Fork of Williams River.

They cut the timber, ran it down a slide to the Middle Fork of Williams River, and from there into Gauley River that carried the logs to Camden-on-Gauley. Splash dams were constructed in Williams river to gather a tide to make high water so the logs would carry over shallow water. These dams were built of logs and reinforced inside with rock; the ends of the logs were nailed together with iron spikes 2 to 3 feet long. In this crib were gates operated by levers.

When the water had gathered to a depth sufficient to raise the logs from the bottom of the river, the gates were opened and the tide carried the logs down the river until the tide ran low and there they would stop until a flood came or until the dam had filled to be let out again.

Often the logs were piled in the river 50 to 60 feet high and would jam and not start moving. When this happened the logs were